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SUBJECT: NICARAGUAN SHIPPING DISCRIMINATION

REF: A) STATE 65354; B) RIO DE JANEIRO 8398

1. DEPARTMENT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY CONCERNED OVER GON FAILURE TO TAKE REMEDIAL ACTION TO RECTIFY SHIPPING DISCRIMINATORY SITUATION WHICH IS ADVERSELY AFFECTING US SHIPPING. REF. B, PARA 4, INDICATED CARGO RESERVATION LAW WAS BEING REWRITTEN TO CONFORM WITH GON TREATY OBLIGATIONS. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY REPORT ON WHAT SPECIFIC CHANGES BEING CONTEMPLATED BY GON AND ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION. GON MAY SEEK TO AMEND LEGISLATION TO MAKE IT CONFORM WITH TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND AT SAME TIME CONTINUE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ITS INIQUITOUS SHIPPING POLICY BY OTHER MEANS.

2. IN DISCUSSING MATTER WITH GON AUTHORITIES, EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS THAT PROBLEM REQUIRES PROMPT ACTION. DELTA STEAMSHIP LINES WILL SHORTLY INTRODUCE LASH (LIGHTER ABOARD SHIP) SERVICE ON ITS SOUTH AMERICAN RUN. PLANS CALL FOR THE CONVENTIONAL FREIGHTERS CURRENTLY IN THAT TRADE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO DELTA'S NEW CENTRAL AMERICAN SERVICE. IN THIS REGARD, SHOULD DELTA CONTINUE TO BE

DENIED US CARGOES DESTINED FOR NICARAGUA BECAUSE OF GON DISCRIMINATORY POLICIES AND PRACTICES, IT IS MOST LIKELY THAT THE COMPANY WILL REQUEST THE INTERCESSION OF THE FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION AND THE IMPOSITION OF COUNTER-VAILING MEASURES AGAINST NICARAGUAN SHIPPING UNDER SECTION 19 OF THE MERCHANT MARINE ACT, 1920. RUSH

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